

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Before this Amendment, claims 1 – 29 were present for examination. Claims 1, 11, 13, 18, and 29 are amended. Claim 12 is canceled; and no new claims are added. Therefore, claims 1 – 11 and 13 – 29 are present for examination, and claims 1, 11, 18, and 29 are the independent claims.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 – 5, 7, 8, 10 – 25, and 27 – 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited portions of Kimura et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,913,078 (“Kimura”), in view of the cited portions of Tullis, U.S. Patent No. 6,535,243 (“Tullis”), and further in view of the cited portions of Clapper, U.S. Patent No. 6,023,241 (“Clapper”). The Office Action rejected claims 6 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura, in view of Tullis, further in view of Clapper, and further in view of the cited portions of Kubota et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,401,029 (“Kubota”). The Office Action rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura, in view of Tullis, further in view of Clapper, and further in view of the cited portions of Fernandez et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,697,103 (“Fernandez”). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration for the reasons that follow.

Status of the Claims

Claim 1 is amended at least to recite a plurality of imaging devices in communication with a remote central monitor. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the Specification, for example, at ¶ [0059]. Claim 11 is amended at least to recite capture and use of distance information. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the Specification, for example, at ¶ [0037] and canceled claim 12. Claim 13 is amended only to maintain antecedent basis after cancellation of claim 12 from which it formerly depended. Claim 18 is amended at least to recite a GPS signal strength sensor. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the Specification, for example, at ¶ [0054]. Claim 29 is amended at least to

recite a dispatch module. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the Specification, for example, at ¶¶ [0059] – [0060]. As such, no new matter is added by these amendments, and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

The Office Action rejected independent claims 1, 11, 18, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Kimura, in view of Tullis, in further view of Clapper. To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the cited references, combined with the knowledge of those of ordinary skill in the art, must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection at least because the combination of Kimura, Tullis, Clapper, and ordinary knowledge in the art fails to teach or suggest all the recitations of claims 1, 11, 18, and 29.

Specifically, Kimura, Tullis, and Clapper cannot be relied upon to teach or suggest: (1) “a central monitor remote from the image sensor, wherein the central monitor is configured to: receive the set of image data from each of at least a portion of the plurality of imaging devices to generate monitoring data; display an image from the monitoring data representing the image received by the image sensor of at least one of the plurality of imaging devices; and plot a device location on a map, the device location being derived from the monitoring data and representing the location received by the location sensor of at least one of the plurality of imaging devices,” as recited in amended claim 1; (2) “capturing a distance from the image sensor to the object using a distance sensor integrated with an autofocus used to adjust the image sensor to focus on the object; calculating an object location of the object as a function of the location of the image sensor, the direction of the image sensor, and the distance from the image sensor to the object; and storing the object location in the object image file in association with the object image,” as recited in amended claim 11; (3) “a GPS signal strength sensor; [and] a controller, wherein the controller is operable to associate a location from the location sensor and a GPS signal strength from the GPS signal strength sensor with an image from the image sensor,” as recited in amended claim 18; or (4) “a dispatch module in operative communication

with the central monitor and with a dispatcher remote from the central monitor, and configured to: receive an indication of an event occurrence, the event occurrence relating to the image from the image sensor; and upon receiving the indication, automatically communicate the location to the dispatcher for use in dispatching a response to the event occurrence,” as recited in amended claim 29.

For at least these reasons, Kimura, Tullis, and Clapper fail to teach or suggest the recitations of claims 1, 11, 18, and 29. Further, the Office Action does not provide any teaching from other art or reason why this recitation would be within the knowledge of a person of ordinary skill in the art. As such, the combined teachings of the art, as cited by the Office Action, have not been shown to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness as to independent claims 1, 11, 18, and 29. Moreover, claims 2 – 10, 13 – 17, and 19 – 28 are believed allowable at least for reasons of their dependence from allowable base claims. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the §103 rejections to all the claims be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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